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Class of 1978 PHS to hold planning meeting

Members of the Pahokee High School graduating Class of 1978 are invited to attend a planning meeting on Saturday, July 26 at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held in West Palm Beach. For location or additional information call Diane Freeman at 924-2867 or Teresa Byrnes at 924-2006.

The planning committee is still seeking some of the graduates. Anyone who has any information should call Diane or Teresa.

Vacation Bible School

Good Shepherd Church of God is hosting Vacation Bible School beginning Aug. 4 through Aug. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Ages kindergarten through junior high are invited to attend and transportation will be provided.

The church is planning a "Sunrise Balloon Adventure" for participants. To register, call 924-7284. The church is located at 1800 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee.

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Gospel Extravaganza planned

New Beginners Holiness Church of Extravaganza on Saturday, July 26 at 8 p.m. in the old Pahokee High School gymnasium. The event will feature "The South Florida Gospel Singers" from Ft. Lauderdale and "The Deep South Gospel Singers" also of Ft. Lauderdale.

Special guest will be "The Jackson Southernaires" from Jackson, Mississippi. The master of ceremony will be Al Stewart from Pompano Beach.

Tickets to the event are \$10 in advance or \$12.50 at the door and can be purchased from any member of New Beginners Holiness Church. For tickets or additional information call Elder Taylor at 615-9262; Carolyn Brown at 924-2768; Deacon Harris at 848-7578; or Sister Anderson at 924-7440. All proceeds from the event will go toward the church education and youth program.

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Recovery Group meets

A Christ-centered recovery group meets every Monday evening at the Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. and the public is welcome. The church is located at 1800 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee.

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Bail denied for four men accused of robbing Foodland in Pahokee

By Brenda Bunting

Editor

Four men accused of robbing Pahokee's Foodland store last Friday afternoon will not be getting out of jail anytime soon. Circuit Judge Karen Martin denied bail Saturday, July 19, to Pahokee residents George M. Baker, 21; Michael Henry Joseph, 22; Larry B. Key, 20; and Latier Demetrius Peete, 22.

The men are accused of robbing the supermarket on Main Street at about 1:30 p.m. July 18 at gunpoint and fleeing in a stolen car.

Witnesses say the men shot several rounds from handguns and a sawed-off shotgun in the parking lot before leaving in a car that had been stolen from Pahokee High School earlier in the day. The car belonged to one of the teachers.

The men abandoned the car on Annona Avenue and ran to an apartment complex at 149 Annona Ave. where they banged on doors until someone let them in.

That someone was 9-year-old L. Mishia Scott, according to Detective Bud Backherms, who interviewed the child this week. He said the young girl told him she let the four men into the apartment after they banged on the door. Also in the apartment was her sister 7-year-old

Tynneria Dent and her mother, Barbara Scott's boyfriend, Glenn Johnson.

She told Det. Backherms the men asked "Where's Glenn," and she went in and woke him. Fearing a hostage situation, over 30 Special Response Team members from the Sheriff's Department in West Palm Beach and a hostage negotiator were dispatched to the scene.

Police evacuated the area around the apartment complex and called the apartment which belongs to Barbara Scott. The negotiators were able to get the suspects to surrender around 5 p.m.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office spokesman Paul Miller said Johnson told officers he didn't realize the police were outside seeking the four men. He told them it was not a hostage situation, and he did know the men, but he said he did not know they were hiding from police.

Police found the abandoned car and it contained guns, masks and some of the money taken in the store robbery. Some of the money has not been recovered and store officials did not say how much money was taken in the robbery. The four men are charged with robbery with a firearm. Det. Backherms said all four have prior criminal records.

Florida House of Representatives recognizes Homer and Dolly Hand

By Yvonne Jones

Staff writer

A tribute to Dolly and Homer Hand for outstanding contributions to mankind was assigned by Rep. Addie L. Greene on June 22. The tribute was presented to the Hands on July 16 at Palm Beach Community College's Glades Campus.

The tribute recognizes the benefice of the Hands as a blessing to the 17,000 residents of Belle Glade, an agricultural community often overshadowed by the glittery

coast of Palm Beach County.

Frances "Dolly" Rutledge, a Belle Glade native, and Homer Hand, a LeBelle native, married in 1954 and settled in Belle Glade, where she is a nonpracticing attorney and he is a real estate investor. In 1971, Dolly was an influential member of a committee that established community college classes in the Belle Glade National Guard Armory.

After appointment to the PBCC Board of Trustees in See Dolly and Homer, Pg 5



A FASCINATION WITH THE TRAUMA HAWK—Steve Wilson, flight power medic for the Palm Beach County Health Care District's Trauma Hawk, explains the helicopter's function to kindergarten students in the migrant Voyager Pre-Med Program at Pioneer Park Elementary. The children toured Glades General Hospital and finished their tour by learning and asking questions about the life-saving Trauma Hawk. Mr. Wilson said the Trauma Hawk responds to over 700 calls a year, many in Western Palm Beach County. He said the district hopes to purchase another Trauma Hawk in the future and it will probably be based in the Glades.

SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting

Flo-Sun, Inc. to purchase Savannah Foods sugar refinery

Savannah Foods and Industries, Inc., a sugar refiner and distributor based in Savannah, Ga., and parent company of the Evercane Sugar Refinery in Clewiston, has announced an agreement to merge with Florida Crystals, Inc. which will comprise the Florida based sugar and related operations of Flo-Sun Incorporated.

The merged company will have current annual revenues on a pro-forma basis of approximately \$1.5 billion, with assets in excess of \$1 billion and will have operations in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, California, Michigan, Kentucky, Missouri and Ohio.

Flo-Sun is a privately held diversified agricultural, real estate and resort company. The Dominican Republic operations and other holdings of Flo-Sun are not part of this transaction.

Flo-Sun will hold 39.4 percent of the equity in the merged company. Florida Crystals shareholders will hold 19.1 percent of the equity with the remaining 41.5 percent to be held by Savannah Foods' shareholders. The shares of the combined company to be held by Flo-Sun, Inc. will each have eight votes per share and will represent approximately 83 percent of the voting power of the outstanding shares. All other shares will have one vote per share. The merger is subject to the approval of the Savannah Foods' shareholders and is expected to close in October.

Alfonso Fanjul, chairman and chief executive officer of Florida Crystals, and J. Pepe Fanjul, Florida Crystals' vice chairman, president and chief operating officer, will both assume the same positions in the combined company. William W. Sprague, III, President of Savannah Foods, will be president of the new company's refining division

which includes Michigan Sugar Company, Dixie Crystals Brands, Savannah Foods Industrial and the Florida Crystals cane refinery business. He will also serve on the Board of Directors of the new company with R. Eugene Cartledge, the chairman of Savannah Foods and two other Savannah Foods directors.

In a press release issued July 15, William Sprague, president of Savannah Foods said, "This merger is a continuation of our strategy to strengthen our sugar business. We have created a vertically integrated company that will address the strategic challenge of being a non-integrated refiner, including the risk of continued sourcing of raw sugar and will enhance our ability to withstand the competitive pressures of the new refining capacity. After the merger, we will be one of the strongest, most efficient and most competitive sugar companies in the United States. Savannah Foods has a long-standing relationship with Florida Crystals and in partnering with them, we will further enhance our ability to pursue internal and acquisition-related growth in the domestic and international markets. This positions us to become the preeminent sugar company in the U.S. creating value for our employees, shareholders and customers over the long term."

Alfonso Fanjul, chairman and chief executive officer of Florida Crystals, said, "The merger of Florida Crystals and Savannah Foods makes strategic sense, financial sense and has the right chemistry for growth. It combines two complementary businesses, a low-cost raw sugar producer with a low-cost refiner, and positions us to realize significant synergies."

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Olde Towne Hall

A RESTORATION PROJECT

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TIME FOR A FACELIFT...Rep. Addie L. Greene (r) presents Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck with a grant check from the state for \$117,500. The funds are to restore the 69 year old former Pahokee High School building for use as a new City Hall.



The art of hand washing...Nancy Oneal, director of Total Quality Management at Glades General Hospital shows Everton Nation the importance of hand washing to kill germs during a visit to the hospital by Pioneer Park's Voyager Pre-Med Program for migrant children.

Board sets preliminary millage rate

The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District gave preliminary approval to a 1/20th of a mill increase for FY 98.

This action allows county property tax appraisers to include the information when they mail out their Truth-In-Millage (TRIM) notices to property owners. Final Board approval of the millage rate and the FY 98 budget is set for September 23. At that time the Board may lower the millage rate but by law cannot exceed

the 1/20th of a mill increase approved today.

If given final approval, the 1/20th of a mill increase would mean an average of \$5.00 to the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$125,000 less a \$25,000 homestead exemption. The increase would generate \$13.3 million. The money would be used to provide a funding match of up to \$9.5 million with federal and local governments for ten critical restoration projects; and cost-sharing agreements with local

governments of \$3.8 million to implement water resource development projects.

"These new initiatives are very much part of our mission," said District Executive Director Samuel E. Poole III. "But the Board will have to decide over the coming months, if they wish to fund these projects with an increase in taxes."

The Districts FY 98 preliminary budget totals \$413.9 million. It continues to include \$7 million for alternative water supply projects with local governments. These projects are funded by money set aside each year for that purpose out of ad valorem revenues.

In related action, the Board also gave approval to a budget adopted by the Big Cypress Basin Governing Board. It calls for an average annual increase of \$10.50 in taxes for property located in all of Collier County and a small portion of Monroe County.



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Library offering Marlin tickets as part of summer reading program

As part of the Summer Reading Program, the Glades branches of the Palm Beach County Library system are offering Marlins tickets to children and young adults participating in the program.

The Marlins will also provide free transportation to the game on Aug. 19. For more information, please call the Belle Glade Library at 996-3453.

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Everglades Regional offers bereavement support group

A Bereavement Support Group meets weekly at Everglades Regional Medical Center in Pahokee.

For more information call Sandy Choston at 924-5201, extension 5142.

Home repairs offered to the needy

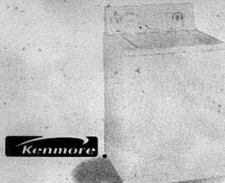
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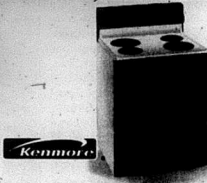
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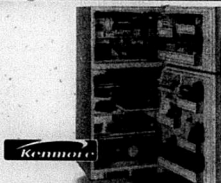
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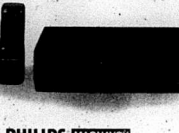
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HEALTH WATCH

Can neck pain cause headaches?

By Bernard Stern, D.C.

For decades, chiropractors have been adjusting the cervical vertebrae in the neck and patients have found relief from their headaches. Traditional medicine has in the past denied the relationship and many medical doctors still do not recognize the seeming paradox that structures in the neck may cause headaches. Recent medical research at Syracuse University has proven otherwise.

Medical doctor Peter Rothbart, who is president of the North American Cervicogenic Headache Society said, "We couldn't believe it at first. We've been able to put together a scientific explanation for how neck structures cause headaches - not all headaches, but a significant number of them. It's true that chiropractors have been saying this for years...they were right about headaches." This type of



Bernard Stern, D.C.

headache is known as a cervicogenic (neck caused) headache.

Much of the medical world is still unaware of the new research. Dr. Rothbart states, "The diagnosis of cervicogenic headache is rarely made. Thus, there are large numbers of headache sufferers who go through life with the wrong diagnosis and hence the wrong treatment for their headaches." He estimated that about 80% of the patients seen at his large headache clinic in Toronto

could be diagnosed for tension headaches but in fact have cervicogenic headaches. Cervicogenic headaches are also commonly misdiagnosed as a common migraine. As a result, Dr. Rothbart referred these patients for chiropractic care which has proven very effective for reducing pain and the need for pain medication.

A common cause of cervicogenic headaches is neck injuries due to automobile accidents (whiplash injuries). Keep in mind that drugs treat the headache while chiropractic doctors treat (adjust) the spine, not the headache. When the problems with the spine in your neck are resolved, the headaches often go away. If you have chronic headaches or know someone who does, chiropractic care may really help.

Why keep taking drugs when you may be able to relieve the cause of the pain?

The course of every intellectual, if he pursues his journey long and unflinchingly enough, ends in the obvious, from which the non-intellectuals have never stirred.

—Aldous Huxley

Seeing Innovative Approaches To Help Children

(NAPS)—Over the past 75 years, Shriners Hospitals for Children have always continued to improve their high standards, ensuring that their patients receive expert, state-of-the-art medical care at all times. Shriners Hospitals have had the opportunity through the years to try new and innovative approaches in their treatment of children.

One such innovative approach was taken by Leslie C. Meyer, M.D. emeritus chief of staff at the Shriners Hospital, in Greenville, S.C., who pioneered the use of a little recognized surgical procedure in children that was described more than a half century ago by a Memphis physician, Dr. Harold Boyd.

In 1939, Boyd performed his procedure on a young adult with a serious injury to the foot. He fused the heel bone and heel pad to the leg bone, thereby retaining the full length of the extremity. As a result, a prosthesis was unnecessary, allowing the patient to wear a modified shoe.

Intrigued by the possibilities of the surgical procedure, Meyer decided that with modifications it "would benefit some children who required below the knee amputations. Meyer, who still does surgery at the Greenville Shriners Hospital once a week, has successfully per-



A Honolulu Shriners Hospital patient checks out a device that lengthens the bone in his leg. Certainly there is not one type of treatment, one particular technique, or one method of surgery that will take care of every Shriners Hospitals patient. That's why Shriners Hospitals are always searching for new and improved means of getting their patients on the road to recovery.

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—Elizabeth Ashley.

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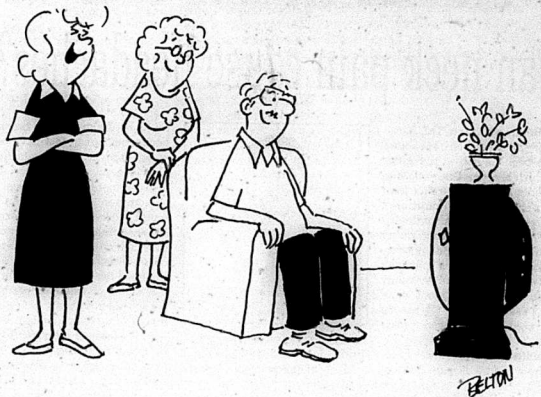
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I many get call return just to check up on 'those who refuse to be nice enough to reply. Thank you."



Letter to the editor

Editor's note: The following Letter to the Editor is in response to a July 16, 1997 letter to the editor written in the *Palm Beach Post* titled "Get real about tourism in Pahokee."

Tourism in Pahokee is tourism

Dear Editor:

I checked my map and yep, there it is on the western most Palm Beach County line, also on the shore of Lake Okechobee. Two significant resources which share a commonality.

As a local tour guide and traveler, I recognize the similarity of our unique area to that of Lake Tahoe and San Francisco. Pahokee is half the distance from the Island of Palm Beach as Tahoe is to the Golden Gate city.

I believe, after traveling for two or more hours to arrive at Tahoe, one might need to seek out comfort facilities (you know what I mean?). The same must hold true for traveling to Pahokee.

Next, the visitor might look for the availability of services and servers to carry out those

leathome duties which the tourist intentionally left behind, such as cooking, cleaning, car repairs, etc.

Pahokee is, to a great extent, undiscovered by tourism. The need for facilities created by an increase in visitation to this quaint little farm community is best addressed by the Palm Beach County Commissioners. Ultimately, tourists who come to the Glades will measure the county against their most memorable experience. I believe, ultimately, food will win out over sand and golf. People are deeply in love with their own earthy heritage. Remember, only a scant 100 years ago, the vast majority of our American population was busily gathering food or drudging away at some type of agricultural related field.

Come see high tech farming, where your food and fiber comes from.

Steve Wilkinson
Pahokee, Florida

University of Florida to require all students to have computer access

By John Lester
University of Florida News

Gainesville -- Beginning in summer 1998, all incoming University of Florida students will have to add computer savvy to their list of requirements for graduation.

In preparation for next year's student catalogs and brochures, university officials announced the new policy this week that will make basic computer competency a requirement for graduation.

spondence is often sent via e-mail," reads the policy.

Much like a mandatory reading or class textbook, the policy requires access to a computer and a proficiency - as required by each department - that must be shown before a student earns a degree.

One of the advantages of the rule is that it will allow computing costs to be included in financial aid considerations, Capaldi said.

sities in aiming for universal computer access for its students.

"Besides wanting UF students to be as prepared as any students in the country to compete in a computerized world, the new policy also is in response to an accrediting agency rule that all university students be computer literate, Capaldi said.

"This is an important step," said Cornelius Pings, president of the prestigious Association of American Universities, of which UF is a member. "Clearly, today's university graduates are going to have to be computer literate to keep up and advance themselves no matter what profession they choose."

The specific requirements needed for graduation will vary and will be up to each of the university's colleges to define.

"We want to provide our students the best education we can, and requiring computer literacy is an important element in achieving that end," Capaldi said.

"We want to give our students the opportunity to function in a technologically literate world, and to do what they need to be proficient on the computer," UF Provost Betty Capaldi said.

Students will be expected to regularly use e-mail, the Internet and the World Wide Web and be competent with word processing and spreadsheet programs.

"Class assignments may require use of a computer, academic advising and registration can be done by computer and official university corre-

One of the advantages of the rule is that it will allow computing costs to be included in financial aid considerations, Capaldi said.

In addition to financial aid packages, UF officials are arranging to make computers available for lease and are preparing for a major upgrade of the campus' central communications and networking systems. The upgrade, Capaldi said, also will mean all on-campus residences will be wired for computers by the fall of 1999. More connections also are planned for off-campus apartments and in more campus teaching and public areas.

"This whole campus is going to get electronic," said Capaldi, who believes UF is in the company of the best public univer-

Nominations sought for folk heritage awards by Secretary Sandra Mortham

Tallahassee - Secretary of State Sandra B. Mortham has announced that the Florida Department of State seeks nominations for the 1998 Florida Folk Heritage Awards. The awards recognize individuals who have made exemplary contributions to Florida's traditional culture. "Folk culture impacts a large part of our lives," Secretary Mortham said. "The Florida Folk Heritage Awards recognize authenticity and excellence within the traditional arts and honor the state's most significant traditional artists."

These forms, transmitted by word of mouth and demonstration, are shared within community, ethnic, occupational, religious and regional groups. Previous Florida Folk Heritage Award winners include an African-American street crier, a Cuban comparsa dancer, a Greek accordionist and a Seminole storyteller.

Nominations must be postmarked no later than November 1, 1997 and mailed to Florida Folk Heritage Awards, Bureau of Historic Preservation, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250. For additional information or a copy of the guidelines, contact Teresa Hollingsworth at (850) 487-2333 or 1-800-847-PAST.

Nominees should be individuals whose craft, dance, music or advocacy has embodied the best of traditional culture in their communities. Nominations for the award should describe the accomplishments and background of the nominee and include support materials such as photographs, slides, audio and video tapes and letters of support.

Folklife includes a wide range of creative forms in art, crafts, dance, language, music and ritual.

"Woman of the Year in Agricultural" nominations being taken for 1997

Florida Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford has announced that nominations are now being accepted for the 1997 "Woman of the Year in Agriculture" award.

The award, now in its 13th year, recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions to Florida agriculture.

"This award spotlights the vital role of women in Florida agriculture and serves to encourage other women to get involved in the business," Crawford said. "Many women have made significant contri-

butions over the years in developing and sustaining what is now a \$6 billion industry."

Those nominated for the award will be judged by a panel familiar with Florida agriculture. The award will be presented on February 5, 1998, at the opening day luncheon of the Florida State Fair in Tampa.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which sponsors the event, has sent nomination forms to agricultural organizations around the state. The deadline for submitting nomi-

nations to the Department is November 1, 1997.

Nominations remain active for two years; after that time they must be resubmitted in order to be considered. Forms are available from the Department. To obtain nominations for the Woman of the Year in Agriculture, write to: Bob Crawford, Commissioner: Woman of the Year in Agriculture Award, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, The Capitol, L.L. 29, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0810.



In March of 1971 five new members were welcomed into the Belle Glade Civitan organization. The Civitans no longer have a club in the Glades, but Clarence Pate, shown first on the left, is still living in Belle Glade and continues to run the Pioneer Motor Sales Store he owns on South Main Street. Shown, from left, are Mr. Pate, Findlay Pate, Miro Steele, Milo Seigler and Hoke Cooper. (Belle Glade Herald file photo taken 27 years ago)

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FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO MANKIND... On Wednesday, July 16, Rep. Addie L. Greene (center) presented Dolly and Homer Hand with a tribute for their services to the community.

Dolly and Homer honored...continued from page one

1973, Mrs. Hand helped acquire land for a permanent campus.

In 1989, Homer succeeded his wife on the PBCC Board of Trustees and is currently serving his third term.

The Hands have made significant contributions for a classroom building and a cultural center on the campus grounds. Dolly and Homer have aided nearly 500 children of the com-

munity by providing scholarships and other necessities, helped acquire a van for a paraplegic student at Palm Beach Community College, and assisted in sending members of the school safety patrol to Washington, D.C.

The Hands have supported various churches in Belle Glade and such causes as Junior Achievement, recreation leagues, the Methodist

Children's Home and the Living Christmas Tree Project.

On May 22, Governor Lawton Chiles honored the Hands with the first Heartland Award for exemplifying long-term commitment and service to the community.

The Hands were extended this latest tribute as an expression of appreciation for their service to the city of Belle Glade and the state of Florida.

Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 626 complaints and worked 12 crime scenes the week of July 14-20. Those arrested included:

July 14- Elijah Paul Pompey, III, 20, aggravated battery warrant and aggravated battery on a pregnant woman; **Ulyessee Ware, Jr., 27**, failure to appear on charges of shooting into an occupied vehicle, aggravated assault and aggravated battery with a firearm; **Domingo Bel-Bosque, 35**, lewd assault.

July 15- Patricia Ann Brockman, 22, retail theft; **Argelio Auirre, 33**, domestic assault.

July 16- Juvenile, 16, loitering and prowling, trespassing after warning; **Edward Lawrence, 18**, violation of probation on charges of driving while his license was suspended or revoked; **Rodney Leon**

King, 36, contempt of court, civic; **Sebrina Cornish, 29**, simple domestic battery; **Gary Wayne Brooke, 26**, aggravated domestic assault.

July 17- Michelle Marie Fairclough, 24, retail theft; **Kathy L. Washington, 23**, child neglect; **Stephen Wayne Holley, 35**, driving under the influence.

July 18- Collins MacDonaid, 44, possession of paraphernalia; **Gregory L. Monroe, 39**, auto burglary; **Ryan Elaine Mastera, 32**, failure to appear on charges of battery; **Clarence Feddrick, Jr., 33**, leaving the scene of an accident involving injury, battery on a law enforcement officer and possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

July 19- Jorge Ignacio Alvarez, 25, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer; possession of marijuana

under 20 grams; **Arthur L. Ruffin, 25**, aggravated domestic battery on a pregnant woman; **Olivia Michelle Gibson, 26**, battery and robbery; **Juvenile, 15**, simple domestic assault; **Robert Morgan, 34**, simple domestic battery.

July 20- Kelvin Murray, 22, retail theft; **Valerie Hall, 18**, forgery, uttering a forgery, grand theft and driving while license suspended or revoked; **McArther Lee Glaze, 23**, resisting arrest without violence.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated.

Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Jeffery Jones**, who is wanted for three counts of aggravated assault with a firearm and failure to appear on charges of criminal mischief and violation of a restriction on his driver's license. Jones is a black male, 6' tall and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is August 12, 1976. He has a tat-

too on his left arm and leg. His Social Security Number is 267-77-7590. His warrant was active as of July 15, 1997. His last address is unknown and so is his last occupation.

If you know the whereabouts of **Jeffery Jones**, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Diaz, 19, domestic battery; **Walter L. Shilling, 46**, loitering and prowling.

July 19- No arrests made.

July 20- No arrests made.

Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 3 arrests or issued warrants the week of July 14-20. Those included were:

July 15- No arrests made.

July 16- No arrests made.

July 17- Juvenile, 16, inhaling a harmful substance.

July 18- Thomas James

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Retiring...again! A retirement party was thrown Monday afternoon for Maude Vereen who is retiring from the Belle Glade Police Department's TIP (Truancy Interdiction Program). Mrs. Vereen served 36 years at the Belle Glade Police Dept. before retiring and taking the job with their TIPS program. Funding for the 4-year program has expired. She says she plans to stay active on the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center Board, the Foster Care Review Board and plans to visit her mother in Georgia as well as take her grandson Daniel Brown to Troy State University soon. She plans to take several trips back to the college to watch him play football. Celebrating with Mrs. Vereen are Police Chief Michael Miller, Mayor Steve Weeks and City Manager Lomax Harrelle.

Sugar processors announce merger....Continued from page 1

significant operating benefits. We will be able to reduce raw sugar transportation costs, lower working capital expenses by providing direct access to raw sugar production, capitalize on a well-established sales, marketing and distribution network, and eliminate redundant expenses. This merger will integrate operations all the way from the farm to the supermarket."

The Fanjul family, now in its fifth generation in the sugar business, founded the Florida

operations in 1960. Florida Crystals has expanded to become one of the largest sugar producers in Florida, farming approximately 180,000 acres of sugar cane fields in Palm Beach County with more than 3,000 employees. This company is also recognized as the first fully integrated sugar company in the United States with operations ranging from the planting and farming of sugar cane to the milling and refining of sugar under the

Florida Crystals label.

Savannah Foods is an 80-year-old company and major supplier of grocery and industrial sugars employing 2,000 people. Best known for its Dixie Crystals product line, the company reported \$1.2 billion in sales for fiscal 1996.

The company operates three refineries, four sugar-beet factories, and four packaging facilities to distribute products across the United States and to industrial users and to the grocery and food service industry.

Truth often suffers more by the heat of its defenders than from the arguments of its opposers.

—William Penn

Children welcome at Lutheran Ministries Head Start program

Lutheran Ministries of Florida, Inc. PEPI Head Start, is recruiting and accepting application for three and four year old children.

All are welcome, including children with disabilities and

there are no fees. The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-1718. Contact persons are Barbara Green or Tammy Kyles.

Nurses giving shots at Lake Shore Middle

The Public Health Nurses will be giving immunizations to seventh grade students at Lake Shore Middle School on July 28 & 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All seventh graders are urged to attend if they still need to finish their series of shots. Registration for the 1997-98 school year will also be going on at the school at the same times.

Recreation Department offering fitness classes

The City of Belle Glade Parks and Recreation Department is offering fitness classes to the public.

"Fitness by Michele" will be offered at the Belle Glade Municipal Civic Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The first class on Monday night, titled "Basic Fitness" runs from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. and the second class, "Stompin' Step" is from 6:15 to 7 p.m.

Instructor is Michele Young, RN. She is certified by the American Council on Exercise and the American Association of Fitness and Aerobics.

There is a \$2 fee per night for one or both classes. Steps and weights are provided.

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Brain Injury Association and Florida Department of Transportation implement bicycle helmet safety campaign

The Brain Injury Association of Florida, Inc. (BIAF), a non-profit organization that seeks to provide brain injury awareness and prevention programs, and the Florida Department of Transportation have teamed up to launch a Bicycle Helmet Safety Campaign aimed at informing Florida residents of the new Bicycle Helmet Law. The law, passed in 1996 in the

Florida Legislature, went into effect in January 1997, and requires that children under the age of 16 riding a bicycle on a public road wear a bicycle helmet.

"Our campaign is not so much to enforce the law, but to share the startling facts and heart rending stories of the thousands of people that suffer brain injuries as a result of not

wearing their helmets," states Sandra Draker, director of Prevention Programs at BIAF. "Our hope is to properly inform our communities throughout the state of the permanent consequences of brain injuries and ask people to wear their bicycle helmets when riding their bike. Everybody, every time."

In a report released earlier

this spring, entitled *Share the Road: Let's Make America Bicycle Friendly*, it was stated that Florida was among the deadliest of states in the nation for bike riders. The report was compiled by the Environmental Working Group, the Bicycle Federation of America and the Surface Transportation Policy Project. Statistics used for the

study were provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

The Bicycle Helmet Safety Campaign is a special project of the Brain Injury Association of Florida, Inc., and is funded by the Florida Department of Transportation. BIAF has retained the services of

Sonshine Communications, a state certified, minority owned and operated firm, to handle the marketing and promotional efforts. The campaign is presently underway.

For more information on the Bicycle Helmet Safety Campaign and its promotions, contact Bernadette Morris at 305-891-3039.

Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission sets new regulations

The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) made final adjustments to the 1997-98 hunting regulations on July 11. Commissioners voted to add common moorhens to the list of species that young hunters may take during the "Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day" and switched the ending date for common moorhen falconry season from Dec. 16 to Dec. 15.

Commissioners also adopted a new rule that will require dog hunters - including those who use bird dogs or retrievers - in

Calhoun, Escambia, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington counties to have their dogs wear collars that identify the owner. It also requires dog hunters in those counties to obtain written permission from landowners before hunting.

The Commission also approved a set of management guidelines for resolving conflicts associated with the use of dogs for deer hunting.

In other business, the Commission amended its bird

sanctuary rules to authorize the agency's executive director to decide whether property owners in the South Dade Bird Sanctuary may be entitled to permits to hunt in undeveloped areas. The amendment also requires the executive director to consult with local government before taking action on permit requests.

Also the commission:

• established Type I and Type II wildlife management areas and wildlife and environmental

areas and passed final rules for these areas with the exception of regulations for the Womack Creek Unit of the Tate's Hell Wildlife Management Area which it will set in its September meeting,

• voted to allow the sale of uncooked non-native venison, and

• revised taxidermy rules to simplify record-keeping and permit possession requirements and allow mounting of road-killed specimens of cer-

tain species without permits.

Commissioners accepted a special presentation from wildlife artist Tom Freeman in memory of the late Commissioner Thomas L. Hires, Sr. In addition, Commissioners presented the agency's Heroism/Valor Award to Wildlife Officer Mark Bishard and recognized Mike Westney (president of BASS Federation of Florida), Scott Hiestand (artist), Keith Mudd (GFC artist) and Bob Wattergord

(GFC fisheries official) for their work in making the new bass license plate a reality.

Lt. Col. Julie Jones attended the meeting as GFC's new regional director for the Northwest Region. Jones formerly was a wildlife officer and investigator in the Everglades and Northwest Regions.

The GFC's next meeting tentatively is set for Sept. 25-26 in Tallahassee.

Poems wanted for contest and anthology

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum is offering a grand prize of \$500 in its new *Distinguished Poet*

Awards poetry contest. Thirty-four other cash awards are also being offered. The contest is

free to enter and open to everyone. Anthology purchase may be required to ensure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. The contest closes September 30, 1997, but poets are encouraged to submit their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the

contest also will be considered for publication in the Summer 1998 edition of *Treasured Poems of America*, a hardcover anthology. Prize winners will be announced on November 30, 1997.

Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. J, 609 Main St., P.O. Box 193, Sistersville, WV 26175-0193.

Coalition says changes must come before stamp hike

Criticizing the Postal Service for a record of mishandling the mail, mis-spending our stamp money and misleading the American public, the nation's largest coalition of first class mail users today denounced the agency's plan to increase first class mail rates.

At a meeting here, the Postal Service Board of Governors announced plans to increase first class mail rates by a billion dollars. That plan will be reviewed by the independent Postal Rate Commission (PRC) before coming back to the Board of Governors for a final decision.

Members of the Coalition to Make Our First Class Mail FIRST CLASS said the Postal Service has seemingly been concentrating on everything but mail delivery. "Now a full 30% of non-local first class mail is being delivered late."

"Since they raised first class mail rates by \$4 billion-a-year in 1995," said Joseph Fields, public relations director for the American Farm Bureau Federation which is a member of the coalition, "postal executives have spent hundreds of millions of dollars on feel-good 'image' advertising for their monopoly, wasted millions more on start-up costs for sideline businesses that have nothing to do with delivering the mail and showered themselves with huge bonuses."

"And now they are again selectively releasing results of

performance tests to give the American public the impression mail delivery is a-ok, when in fact three in two letters destined outside an immediate metropolitan area are being delivered late."

Fields referred to figures released by the Postal Service last week that the coalition charged was nothing more than a public relations effort to get good press on the eve of the announcement of another rate increase.

Though the PRC will review the planned hike, the final authority rests with the Postal Service itself. Coalition members said that must be changed.

"We demand Congress give the final rate-making authority to the postal Rate Commission to bring critically needed accountability to this out-of-control agency," said John F. Robinson, president and CEO of the National Minority Business Council (NMBC) which is a member of the coalition.

The Coalition to Make Our First Class Mail FIRST CLASS has more than 200 member organizations representing more than five million Americans. They include the Association of Retired Americans, National Association of Realtors, National Federal of the Blind, American GI Forum and the National Alliance of Business.

Obituaries

Crawford Franklin Royal, age 72, formerly of Lake Harbor and Belle Glade, died Friday, July 18 in Gainesville.

Mr. Royal was born in Crosland, GA and worked in the family business until moving to Gainesville. He also served with the U.S. Marines during World War II.

Survivors include: sons - Crawford Franklin Royal, Jr., of Boyce, LA and Carroll John Royal, of Clewiston; daughters - Linda Gail Musto, of Lake Worth and Geneva Grace Burroughs, of Lake City; ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 22 at Mixon Funeral Home Chapel with interment at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Poems sought in free competition

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a free poetry competition sponsored by the Famous

Poets Society. The contest is open to all persons living in the Belle Glade area. Deadline for entry is August 18, 1997.

Prizes will be awarded on or before October 31 and a winners list will be sent to everyone who enters.

Poets may send one poem of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Competition, 1626 North Wilcox Avenue, Suite 126, Los Angeles, CA 90028.

For more information, call Argentina Cantu at 541-488-0510.

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And with Jesus' arm to lean on, could I have one doubt or dread?
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Pahokee Housing Authority employees recognized for their accomplishments

The Pahokee Housing Authority held their Employee Awards Banquet on Friday, July 11. The following employees were honored for their accomplishments:

DEPENDABILITY AWARDS:

The employees receiving these awards are being commended for dedication and outstanding services and performance during the past year. They display loyalty to and concern for employer, employees and residents alike. Be it day or night, these employees never fail to offer their assistance.

Receiving dependability awards were: Dorothy Johnson, Eleanor Johnson, Bernice

Addie, Patricia Brown, Angela Jackson, David Brinson, Ronald Atkins and Mr. Polinen.

MANAGER OF THE YEAR:

This individual has demonstrated strong management and leadership abilities. She is very innovative in that she often presents workable ideas for public housing management. She has been commended for the professional manner in which she handles opposition in the work environment. She has shown strength in her abilities to meet common goals. She has maintained tenant accounts receivable of five per-

cent or less for the past year. Because of these accomplishments and dedicated services, because of the difference she has made at the Pahokee Housing Authority, the Manager of the Year Award was presented to Ms. Lillie R. Brown.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR:

This employee has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to the Pahokee Housing Authority. He is very innovative and often presents new ideas for the benefit of the operation. This is essential in keeping with the new HUD reinvention. He maintains a positive attitude and gives encourage-

ment, even when problems seem unsolvable. Above all, he is courteous, kind, and highly respects his fellow workers. He simply cares about others.

The Employee of the Year Award was awarded to Mr. James A. Harvey.

MOST VALUABLE EMPLOYEE:

Words cannot express the extraordinary character possessed by this employee. There is no problem that is too challenging, difficult, large or small for him to resolve. He is very unique in that he puts others ahead of himself. Be it early in the morning, or late in the mid-night hours, he never says no when it comes to helping those

in need of his services. He is highly respected by his peers and others in the community. He believes in "make right" rather than "make shift."

This year's Most Valuable Employee is Kenneth Strachan.

SPECIAL HONOR FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND DEDICATED LEADERSHIP:

The year was 1977. A young African-American female, with little or no experience joined the Pahokee Housing Authority as a clerk. Her desire to exceed against the odds found her in the role of Administrative Assistant. Yet, she was not satisfied. Filled with desire and a will to succeed, her goal was to

achieve higher aspirations and leave her mark on the outstanding communities.

She became the first African-American to lead the Pahokee Housing Authority. Her tenacity, her love and compassion for people and her unconditional support from her husband and family has enabled her to lead the Authority in a manner that words cannot fully describe.

To this end, Mrs. Julia A. Hale was honored with a plaque for her outstanding performance and dedicated leadership rendered to the Pahokee Housing Authority.



FOLKS YOU CAN COUNT ON... The Pahokee Housing Authority's Dependability Awards Recipients from left to right are: Mr. Polinen, Dorothy Johnson, Eleanor Johnson, Patricia Brown, Angela Jackson, Bernice Addie, David Brinson and Ronald Atkins.

PAHOKEE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES... Julia Hale, above left, was presented with a plaque for Outstanding Performance and Dedicated Leadership; Kenneth Strachan, above, was awarded Most Valuable Employee and; James Harvey, left, was awarded Employee of the Year at the Authority's Awards Banquet held July 11.



OUR MISTAKE... In last week's issue of *The Sun*, this photo was given the wrong cutline. Former Pahokee Rotary Club President Brian Lohman (l) receives his plaque from new Club President Dale Morris.

Mobile home tips from Consumers Union

More than 16 million Americans now live in mobile homes (the industry prefers the term "manufactured housing"). A new mobile home can cost anywhere from \$15,000 for a small, simple model to \$70,000 or more for a multi-section unit with such upscale amenities as a fireplace and cathedral ceilings.

But like any other type of housing, mobile homes have their problems. Six out of every 10 mobile home owners who responded to a nationwide Consumers Union survey reported at least one major problem with their homes - from leaky windows to poor floor coverings. To help buyers avoid such problems at the outset, or to help owners manage them after the sale, Consumers Union, publisher of *Consumer Reports* magazine, has produced a pamphlet titled *Consumers Union's Tips on Mobile Homes*. Copies of the pamphlet are available for \$2 each by sending a check or money order, payable to "Consumers Union" to: Consumers Union, Box EMD, 101 Truman Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703.

Single-section homes, the pamphlet notes, tend to have more problems with floors, roofs, windows and doors, while problems with multi-section homes are often connected to the joining sections.

The pamphlet also offers advice on sizing up the structural integrity of a mobile home:

- Choose a shingled rather than a metal roof, if possible, but - whatever the material - make sure the roof extends beyond the sides of the mobile home. This overhang helps prevent rainwater from entering the walls and causing damage.
- Plumbing problems are the most common complaints among mobile home owners. Many mobile homes are equipped with low-quality sinks, tubs, showers and faucets made of thin, molded plastic, which may crack and leak. Consumers Union recommends upgrading to fixtures made of heavy, reinforced plastic or porcelain-covered steel.
- Choose insulated (double-pane) glazed windows with welded vinyl frames. The corners of these frames are fused together, so there are no gaps for air or water to leak in.
- Avoid particulateboard subfloors. When it gets wet, particulateboard is more susceptible than plywood to swelling, warping and loss of strength. Floor joists 2x6 inches or larger, joist spacing of 16 inches or less and thicker subflooring can reduce flexing and sagging.
- *Consumers Union's Tips on Mobile Homes* also reminds prospective owners that the total cost of buying a mobile home includes the cost of moving and installing the structure, as well as the cost of living or renting the land on which it sits. Unless you own the land and use a permanent foundation, the pamphlet says, your mobile home is not likely to gain value. Moreover, a permanent foundation may qualify your mobile home for a mortgage, rather than a personal loan. Mortgages are tax deductible, the pamphlet points out. Personal loans are not.
- Finally, *Consumers Union's Tips on Mobile Homes* tells owners how to complain if a problem develops with their mobile home that can't be solved by the manufacturer, the dealer, the mover or the installer. The pamphlet provides phone numbers for administrative agencies in each of 36 states that have consumer mobile home owners living in states without an administrative agency (Florida is not one of these) who have unresolved problems should complain directly to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at 1-800-927-2891.

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Military News

Navy

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joe Kyles, son of Diane Kyles of Belle Glade, recently completed a three day port visit to Koper, Slovenia, while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, currently on a six month deployment in the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf.

During the port visit, Kyles and fellow crew members hosted more than 11,500 visitors and completed more than five community projects. The community relations projects included painting and landscaping at a local children's home, a church, a park, a home for developmentally disabled adults as well as repairs to a wooden playground at the center for children with special needs. In addition, Kyles' ship's choir performed for thousands of spectators at three different concerts.

Aircraft carriers, like USS John F. Kennedy, are forward deployed around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would be aggressors and, if deterrence fails, offer the most versatile and powerful weapons available.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joe Kyles joined the Navy in July, 1990.

Army

Juan G. Noyola has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Royal Palm Beach.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a

new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Noyola will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia S.C., for military basic training August 1, 1997.

He is the son of Maria I. Sifuentes of Belle Glade and Francisco Noyola, Sr. of Springfield, LA.

Army Private Lonnie Lee III has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions and special training in human relations.

Lee is the son of Lonnie and Shirley A. Lee of Belle Glade.

Coast Guard

The United States Coast Guard Academy is now accepting and processing applications to the class of 2002. Appointments are tendered solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition with no congressional nominations or geographical quotas. Applications must be submitted to the Director of Admissions prior to December 15, 1997. Candidates must arrange to participate in either the SAT I or ACT prior to or including the December 1997 administration.

Appointments are based on the candidate's high school record, performance on either the SAT I or ACT, and leadership potential as demonstrated by participation in high school activities, community service

and part-time employment. Most successful candidates rank in the top quarter of their high school class and have demonstrated proficiency in both mathematical and applied science.

Candidates must be unmarried at the time of the appointment, have no legal obligations, and must have reached the age of 17 but not 23 by July 1, 1998. Candidates must be assured of high school graduation by June 30, 1998.

Coast Guard cadets obtain an excellent undergraduate education at no personal expense. In addition, they receive pay and allowances for living expenses. The Academy curriculum emphasizes engineering and science, leads to a Bachelor of Science degree, and establishes a solid foundation for a challenging career. Graduates of the Academy are commissioned as Ensigns in the United States Coast Guard.

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To obtain an application or for further information, write: Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 15 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320; or call 1-800-883-8724.

tornado.

The smaller vortices, only 10 feet across at most, cause much of the major damage associated with tornadoes. That's because these suction vortices have much higher winds than the parent funnel cloud.

These suction vortices may not be confined to just tornadoes. Hurricane researcher Dr. Peter Black believes suction vortices may have been rotating around the eye of Hurricane Andrew as it moved over Homestead and Cutler Ridge in August of 1992.

Black says that would explain why Andrew produced so much damage so far from the water. Traditionally, hurricanes cause most of their destruction near the coastline. Once a storm makes landfall, it begins to weaken because it is cut off from the ocean water, a hurricane's primary source of energy.

Andrew, however, was the exception to the rule. Black's study indicates the category four hurricane may have produced wind gusts of 200 mph 10 miles from the ocean. He thinks the suction vortices may be to blame.

Dr. Fujita and other researchers continue to study the suction vortices. Of course, if they are ever looking for an eyewitness to these unusual phenomena, they can always call Roy Hall.



Mike Lyons

By Mike Lyons

Roy Hall has a story to tell. A story that most people would find very difficult to believe. Yet, it is absolutely true.

Roy Hall is the only man who has ever seen the inside of a tornado and lived to tell about it.

It happened on May 3, 1943 in McKinnet, Texas. A farmer ill his life, Roy was working on the soybean crop when the weather turned nasty. Roy had seen his share of Texas storms and he knew this was a serious one.

Suddenly, before he had a chance to react, Roy was trapped inside a 150-yard-wide tornado funnel. He was inside a tornado!

At first, Roy didn't know what was happening. He was disoriented and scared to death. He remembers looking straight up into the rapidly swirling vortex that stretched up into the clouds for over one thousand feet. What he saw was nothing short of amazing.

The funnel was composed of a smooth wall of clouds. But, spinning off the wall were smaller, mini-tornadoes. These tiny twisters were rotating around the funnel. Roy could see everything thanks to an almost continuous display of lightning.

As quickly as it began, Roy's wild ride was over. The tornado was gone, but certainly not forgotten.

Chances are other people have been in a similar position

Pahoekee Elks Lodge praised at National Convention in Chicago

No truth to the rumor that the Windy City got its nickname during an Elks convention, but the more than 10,000 members who gathered there from July 5 through July 10 for the 138th National Convention of the BPO Elks of the U.S.A. did have plenty to gush about.

Last year, the total value of the Elks' philanthropic works was \$143 million. These works include youth athletic and drug education programs, aid for people with disabilities, college scholarships, cancer and transplant research and veteran service. A highlight of the convention was Wednesday's session when Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, addressed the conventioners, whose numbers included a delegation from Pahoekee Elks Lodge No. 1638.

Also speaking that day were overall winners of the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest, Leon Lopez, 9 of Santa Fe, NM and Amber Langston, 12 of Tampa, FL. More than three million kids from 8 to 13 participated in this year's program. They were followed by Stephanie Lynn Murg, 18 of Gross Pointe, Mich., and Martin D. Wong, 17 of Fremont, CA, the top two winners in the Elks National Foundation's "Most Valuable Student" scholarship contest. Each will receive a four year, \$20,000 scholarship. The \$20,000 annual award is a \$21 million college scholarship based on academics, leadership and need.

Throughout the convention, the 2,300 local Lodges were hailed for their support of the Order's national programs, as well as their own local programs. "Our goal this year is to continue strengthening America," declared Carlton O'Malley of Scranton, Penn., who was elected national leader of the Elks during the convention, "and members of our local Lodges, led by their Exalted Rulers, will be our bricks and our mortar."

The Exalted Ruler, or Lodge president, of Pahoekee Elks Lodge is Eric H. Rhinehart of South Bay.

The BPO Elks of the U.S.A. is headquartered at 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614-1889, 773-477-2750, <http://www.elks.org>. There are about 1.3 million members nationwide.

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Seider repeats as All-American and National Scholar Athlete



Brian Seider

Kentucky Wesleyan's Brian Seider has been named preseason All-American and National Scholar Athlete by College Football Preview magazine for the second consecutive year.

Seider, a 6-foot-1, 216-pound linebacker, led the Panthers in tackles with 119 (77 solo, 42 assisted) last season. He also had five tackles for loss yardage, five pass breakups, three blocked punts or kicks, three fumble recoveries and two quarterback sacks. His single game career high was 15 tackles and 12 solos against

Campbellsville. In the classroom, the Belle Glade native has an accumulative 3.1 grade point average on a 4.0 scale as a business major. Seider is a nominee for the National Football Foundation's Scholar-Athlete Fellowship for Graduate Study and a NCAA Post-Graduate Scholar.

The fifth-year senior ranks third in career tackles with 270 (197 solo, 73 assisted). Seider's three-year statistics also include 15 tackles for loss yardage, 15 passes broken up, six quarterback sacks, six fumble recoveries, three blocked punts or kicks and two interceptions.

Seider, a two time defensive MVP, earned first team All-American honors by USA Today/Football Gazette following the 1996 season. He was also named Division II Regional Defensive Player of the Week by Football Gazette.

Brian graduated from Glades Day School in 1992 and is the son of Jay and Diane Seider.

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Staying within the lines...This unidentified child is busy coloring while visiting Glades General Hospital during Pioneer Park Elementary's Voyager Pre-Med Program for migrants.

The Taxpayer Relief Act helps every American at every stage of life



Senator Connie Mack

By Connie Mack
U. S. Senator - Florida
American taxpayers are working harder than ever before - too often struggling to make ends meet - even with two incomes. The typical family currently pays more in taxes than for food, clothing and shelter combined. That's wrong - our families deserve to keep more of what they earn.

The Taxpayer Relief Act,

which the Senate passed in late June, is a modest first step toward allowing hard-working taxpayers to keep more of their own money. It reverses a third of the largest tax increase in American history that Bill Clinton handed to our families four years ago and in its place provides the largest tax cut for families since President Reagan was in the White House.

Our plan provides much needed tax relief to every taxpayer at every stage of life, so they have more of their own money to spend, save and invest for their future and their family's future.

It helps our children - Parents know the needs of their children better than Washington. Our \$500 per child tax credit will help parents meet these needs. Our plan also provides tax credits to help pay for higher education and allows parents to establish an education IRA for each child.

It helps our parents and grandparents - Our plan calls for capital gains tax relief to spur investment and help seniors lead better lives. Our plan also changes IRA laws to encourage more people to invest more for their future. For example, homemakers would be able to deposit \$2,000 a year into a tax-free IRA.

People should be encouraged - not discouraged - to invest for their future. Those who have worked hard, played by the rules and saved for retirement should be rewarded, not penalized. Some Democrats may say you're rich if you put money into mutual funds, contributed to a company retirement plan or worked hard to build a small business. That's not fair - more than half of all taxpayers who claim capital gains have incomes under \$50,000 and many are seniors who live their retirement years by converting their investments into funds for their retirement budget.

It helps the next generation - It's part of the American Dream for parents to want to leave their children better off than they were, but the government makes it nearly impossible for many to leave the legacy of their hard work to their loved ones. Families end up selling their farms or small businesses because they can't afford the "death tax."

I received a letter from one of my constituents about this issue. This gentleman ran a farm in South Florida with his mother and father for nearly 50 years. When his father recently passed away, he realized that - in addition to dealing with the grief of losing his father - he may have to sell the farm to pay the taxes owed by inheriting the farm! He writes, "My family has had the farm for 50 years and the farm is not just an occupation but a way of life and my home...it seems to me that the government should not be in the business of putting honest people out of business with the death tax."

I couldn't agree more. The Taxpayer Relief Act lowers the burdensome death tax and helps the American Dream become a reality for our family farms and small businesses.

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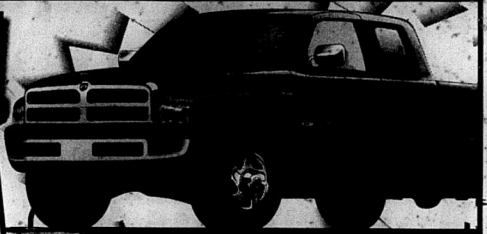
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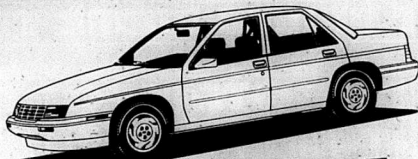
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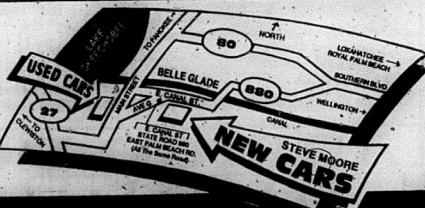


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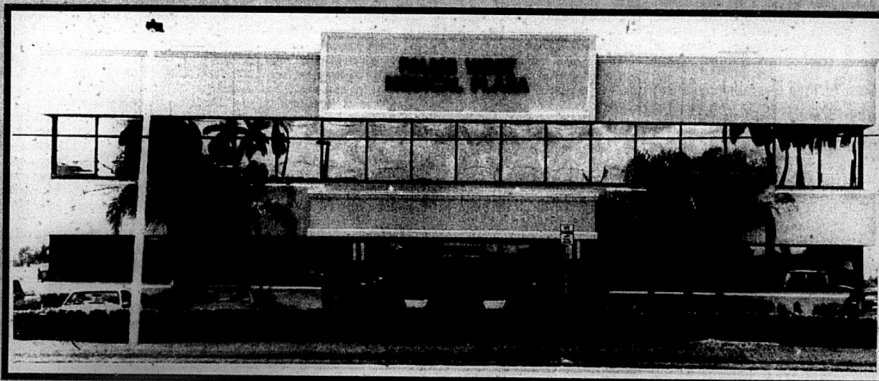


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"Receiving Accreditation with Commendation is a significant achievement, one that recognizes exemplary performance by Columbia Palms West Hospital", says Dennis S. O'Leary, M.D., President, Joint Commission. "This organization should be commended for its commitment to providing quality care to the people in the community."

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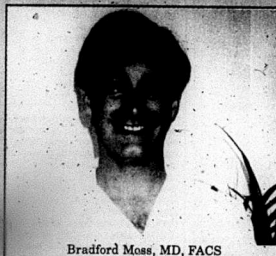
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Bradford Moss, M.D. Joins Palm Beach



Bradford Moss, MD, FACS

Edward Becker, MD and Rafael Lopez, MD, principles of Palm Beach Urology Associates, are pleased to announce that Bradford Moss, MD, FACS of Royal Palm Beach has joined their practice. Dr. Moss grew up in West Palm Beach, where he attended Forest Hill High School. He is a graduate of Tulane University and the University of Miami Medical School.

Following his internship at Akron General Medical Center, Dr. Moss completed a urology residency at Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine and achieved board certification in adult and pediatric urology in

1991. He then spent several years as a partner in a successful South Carolina urology practice before returning to West Palm Beach. Most recently, Dr. Moss was affiliated with the West Palm Beach Veterans Administration Hospital as a full time urologist.

Dr. Moss is trained in adult and pediatric urology and treats a variety of conditions, including incontinence, impotence, urinary tract infections, prostate disorders, prostate cancer and kidney stones.

"I sincerely believe that successful communication between the physician and the patient is extremely important," says Dr.

Moss. "Patients need to feel comfortable with their doctors - and to know that the doctor is listening to what they say. By paying attention to what our patients tell us, we can do a better job of managing their healthcare."

Palm Beach Urology Associates has four locations serving Palm Beach and Hendry counties. Their offices are located in Wallington, Lake Worth, Belle Glade and Clewiston.

"We're pleased to welcome Dr. Moss," said Dr. Becker. "He is a respected professional who brings many years of experience and a reputation for providing compassionate patient care to our practice."

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